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NEWS

Randolph civilian saves life, receives valor award

By Master Sgt. James Brabenec
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Greg Roberts drew upon first-aid skills learned during his active-duty career to save the life of man wounded in a car accident near the main gate here in April.

The actions of the Air Force Manpower Agency systems analyst led to him receiving the Air Force Command Valor Award during an Aug. 29 ceremony.

"It's an honor to present this award to Mr. Greg Roberts for his selfless actions," said Col. Daniel Badger Jr., AFMA commander, during the award ceremony. "Greg's reactions in the face of a terrible traffic accident took tremendous courage."

Mr. Roberts' trip off base for lunch turned into an errand of mercy. While waiting to make a left-hand turn, he saw two cars ahead of him enter the intersection as the turn arrow changed to red. The first car cleared the intersection, but an oncoming tractor-trailer truck slammed into the second car sending it careening across the intersection toward the Randolph main gate.

"The whole incident unfolded before me, almost like I was sitting at home watching it on TV," he said. "My Air Force training took over as I called 911 to alert emergency medical services personnel and cared for the injured."

With cars askew and debris littering the pavement, Mr. Roberts first approached the driver of the second car who was standing outside the wreck hysterically crying for her fiancé. The young man lay unresponsive, pinned in the front passenger seat inside the twisted vehicle.

"While I attempted to console her and make sure she wasn't injured, a second male passenger crawled out from the backseat bleeding profusely from an open wound to his neck," he said. "Once I responded to him and sat him down on the curb, my world got really small, and nothing else concerned me."

Faced with the need to act immediately and with no other materials available to use as a compress, Mr. Roberts reached into the wound and applied his bare hand to restrict the flow of spurting blood. He continued this for about 10 to 15 minutes and treated the individual for shock.

By that time, EMS personnel arrived and took over care, and Mr. Roberts turned his attention back to the driver. He provided comfort until the other young man was freed from the wreckage. The three individuals were then rushed to emergency medical care.

Having gone the distance to help others, Mr. Roberts' ordeal had only just begun. Seeking out assistance from an EMS technician to wash the blood off his arms, he discovered an open blister on the palm of his hand that occurred the day before while doing yard work. This was the same hand he used to apply direct pressure to the bleeding man.

At the insistence of medical personnel, he checked in at the Brooke Army Medical Center emergency room and was treated for blood exposure. He waited six hours for doctors to determine the young man wasn't a carrier of any infectious diseases. Later, he received three precautionary shots against hepatitis.



Photo by Master Sgt. James Brabenec

Greg Roberts, Air Force Manpower Agency systems administrator, revisits the intersection outside the Randolph Air Force Base main gate where he witnessed a car accident and saved the life of a critically injured man in April. For his efforts, Mr. Roberts received the Air Force Command Valor Award on Aug. 29.

Mr. Roberts said thoughts of his own children urged him to assist the people injured in this accident. He added he could only hope if they ever encounter a similar fate someone will be there to help them.

"I reminded them to drive safely and pay attention," he said. "This accident could have involved them instead of these three young people whose lives were changed in a split second."

SHAPING TOMORROW

2008 Air Force Climate Survey launches October 1

Have you ever wished you could tell your leaders what you think?

That power will soon be at your fingertips with the launching of the 2008 Air Force Climate Survey Oct. 1-8. During that time, individual e-mail invitations will be sent out Air Force-wide that will include a survey link and easy-to-follow instructions.

"This is an opportunity for Airmen across the Air Force to have a voice," said Col. Daniel Badger Jr., commander of the Air Force Manpower Agency, whose organization is responsible for administering the survey. "By voluntarily completing this survey, you can help our leaders identify what is going well and what needs improving."

The 2008 Air Force Climate Survey, which will run from Oct. 1 to Nov. 26, is designed to assess the opinions and perceptions of the Air Force's active-duty members, Reserve, Guard and civilian personnel (appropriated and nonappropriated) on a wide range of topics. These topics include job characteristics, trust (both in senior leadership and in immediate supervisor), support for deployment, resources, recognition, general satisfaction, and unit performance and unit characteristics.

The 2008 survey is the sixth Air Force-wide survey conducted since 1997;

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SAYS ...**

however, this year's version has been streamlined and will include 50 percent fewer questions. The survey will also be customized to accommodate major command-specific questions, and will include comment questions so people can express their opinions on issues they feel strongly about.

"This survey should only take about 15 to 20 minutes to complete instead of the 45 to 55 minutes it took to finish the previous surveys," said Dorathy Felberg, of AFMA's Air Force Survey Office. "We've had great support in the past and again we're looking for maximum participation."

Once the data is gathered, the results will be briefed to the secretary of the Air Force and Air Force chief of staff, and then released to the Air Force's unit leaders sometime in early 2009.

Technical upgrades to the Air Force Survey System for 2008 will allow commanders to access their reports earlier than in previous years, enabling them to start making improvements immediately.

"Through the survey, people can voice their concerns on issues that directly affect them and their units' mission, with a view on improving the Air Force mission worldwide." Colonel Badger said. "Look for your personal invitation coming to your inbox Oct. 1-8."

Decon shower



A fire department member performs decontamination procedures on participants who were involved in a simulated hazardous material bomb explosion exercise Tuesday. On the heels of supporting the search and rescue mission for Hurricane Ike,

Team Randolph members continued to demonstrate their level of readiness and attention to detail while conducting a mass casualty exercise.

Photo by Steve White

Approaching ORI highlights importance of safety

By Sean Bowlin
Staff writer

As the clock ticks toward the Operational Readiness Inspection in November, the 12th Flying Training Wing's Ground Safety Unit has its sights set to maintain daily safety by keeping a constant, proactive eye on how to prevent accidents before they happen.

By performing a variety of tasks like checking electrical equipment, keeping birds and foreign objects off of the flight line and teaching Airmen how to safely operate motorcycles, the ground safety unit is at the forefront of wing preparedness.

As the tempo of preparations for the ORI quickens, the wing ground safety team wants to remind Airmen to focus on doing their day-to-day jobs in a manner where their individual physical safety and that of their equipment isn't compromised.

"The ORI is a great motivation for units to go 'above and beyond,' to show what makes their units outstanding," said Lt. Col. Pete Broman, 12th FTW chief of safety. "A chal-



Photo by Rich McFadden

Master Sgt. Darnell Edmonds, 12th Flying Training Wing Safety office ground safety craftsman, checks for proper placement of a safety barrier cone as part of a safety inspection at the 12th Logistics Readiness Division's vehicle maintenance flight.

lenge with that is they have to remain focused on safety for their day-to-day operations in the excite-

ment of ORI preparation."

Linda Howlett, 12th Flying Training Wing ground safety manager, echoed Colonel Broman's comments and added that stress caused by trying to do more in less time could cause people to take shortcuts.

"Often, when people get in a hurry, they sidestep safety," Ms. Howlett said. "If they take an extra five minutes to do whatever they are doing safely, they will do it right."

One way to do it right, and to keep wing units involved in the program, is the Ground Safety Unit helping subordinate units prepare for the ORI by instituting what Howlett termed a "guru program."

The guru program involves providing the wing's 16 subordinate unit safety managers a checklist they can use to inspect their own programs.

Ms. Howlett added that the Air Force has a special interest in the "lockout-tag out" initiative for the electrical safety program, which involves placing locks on electrical units.

The purpose for the locks is to isolate the energy sources within the electrical units to prevent injuries from electrical shocks by keeping the equipment from getting activated inadvertently.

"Those units that have them, we're doing 100-percent visits," Ms. Howlett commented.

With ground burst simulators exploding and smoke grenades going off during this week's pre-ORI exercise, wing safety members will be watching in the background for proper dispersion of people and other safety considerations.

Ms. Howlett said what is the most fun about working in ground safety is that inspectors from the office spend more time out of the office than they do at their desks. They are constantly out in the wing's various work centers — every day is something different.

With a small staff of only six safety inspectors, with two deployed and one on medical leave, ground safety members realize they need help from unit safety representatives, who often call with questions on how safety will affect various unit programs or initiatives that are being planned at their inceptions.

"That's when you know you have an effective safety program," Ms. Howlett commented, "when they bring you in at the very beginning of a program. We get phone calls about safety for events ahead of time and we help plan them. That way, things go really smoothly."

COMMENTARY

Randolph responds to Ike rescue mission

Congratulations, Team Randolph! Col. Steve Kirkpatrick and the members of the 331st Air Expeditionary Group are your biggest fans. You welcomed and supported them in such an outstanding manner, that the 318-member search and rescue unit staging from here was able to hit the ground running in response to Hurricane Ike.

We received word late last week Randolph would serve as the base of operations for U.S. Northern Command's 331st AEG and their defense support to civil authorities mission. At the same time, we were making our own plans and running checklists to brace for severe weather in the event Hurricane Ike continued on its path toward Corpus Christi. We prepared the base community for high winds and heavy rain, evacuated some of our aircraft, placed the rest in hangars and tentatively scheduled facility closures. We even moved the case lot sale at the commissary up to Thursday because the forecast on Sept. 10 showed we would be in the path of Ike after it made landfall.

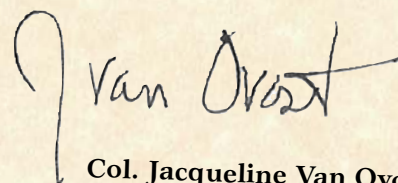
That all changed Sept. 12-13 as Ike turned more to the northeast, which put Houston and Galveston in its path. Our focus quickly shifted from storm preparedness to force staging center. We activated our new reception plan and put it to the test. We will

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review and adjust the plan accordingly based on the lessons we learned this past week, but one thing I know we will not need to adjust is the proactive nature of your response!

You displayed a positive attitude, exhibited a sense of urgency, and went above and beyond expectations to receive, process, transport, feed, beddown, refuel, connect, supply and you-name-it for the visiting expeditionary group members. Every operation in the base community played an integral role in the success of the 331st AEG Saturday and Sunday when the crews of the HC-130 tanker aircraft and HH-60 rescue helicopters went into action to save lives and reduce human suffering in the aftermath of a major natural disaster.

I am proud to belong to such an awesome team. You should all take pride in your accomplishment and know that your around-the-clock, selfless efforts made a significant impact on the lives of your fellow Americans. Thank you!



Col. Jacqueline Van Ovost
12th Flying Training Wing commander



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For details about submissions, call 652-5760.

Commander's Action Line

While our goal is to provide the best programs, products and services to our customers, there will be instances when people believe we could have served them better.

In those cases, I ask the individual to first contact the responsible organization to allow the unit commander or manager an opportunity to ensure professional and impartial treatment.

When those officials are unable to provide satisfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

Col. Jacqueline Van Ovost
12th Flying Training Wing commander

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e-mail randolph.actionline@randolph.af.mil

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

Know the signs of suicide risk, how to get help

By Sean Bowlin
Staff writer

Knowing the risk factors for suicide, how to identify and eliminate them and how to intervene when someone is suicidal are things Team Randolph's command element wants every Airman to be constantly vigilant about; not just during "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" in September.

The "wingman" concept

Considered a year-round duty, the Air Force emphasizes the "wingman" concept that emphasizes the need for Airmen to take care of one another. Airmen are required to visit the ADLS web site's "Human Relations" section and complete the training module on suicide prevention each year.

The Air Force also utilizes mental health professionals to educate Airmen how to identify someone at risk for suicide. There are psychologists, counselors and psychiatrists available who Airmen can turn to when they are feeling pressure of seemingly insurmountable issues.

Risk factors for suicide

One Team Randolph psychiatrist summed up what constitutes a "suicide risk" – and what alleviates it.

"From my chair," said Maj. (Dr.) Keith Fisher, 12th Medical Operational Squadron psychiatrist and flight commander, "I see suicide risks as having



Photo by Rich McFadden

Maj. (Dr.) Keith Fisher, 12th Medical Operations Squadron flight leader and psychiatrist, takes notes as he listens to an Airman during a counseling appointment at the Randolph Air Force Base Mental Health Clinic last week.

occupational, legal, marital, financial and administrative punishment issues. What helps is to engage their commands to reduce the risk factors."

Staff Sgt. Brian Hornberger, 12th Medical Operations Squadron's NCO in charge of the family advocacy program, said there are resources that the Air Force provides locally to train Airmen on recognizing the risks for suicide and how to prevent them.

Who can help

Sergeant Hornberger said on Randolph AFB, a group of representatives from the military's medical, men-

tal health and religious leadership, known as a "Community Action Information Board," meets to ensure that help is getting out to Airmen struggling with personal issues.

At Randolph, there's also a "Traumatic Stress Response Team" composed of mental health professionals that stands by, ready to provide counseling if someone on base commits suicide.

So far this calendar year, there have been no suicides at Randolph.

The sergeant added that keeping feelings inside versus venting them puts a person at risk for suicide. So the first step Airmen can take away from that disastrous act, besides talking to a wingman, is getting help from a professional in the mental health field.

An alternative to communicate problems is the base's chaplain office, where strict confidentiality is maintained.

Airmen with civil or criminal legal issues can contact the base's legal offices; those suffering either from emotional issues, stress, anger or lack of sleep can take "Stress and Time Management," "Managing Your Emotions and Assertiveness Training," "Better Sleep Seminar," or a four-session "Anger Management" class at the 12th Medical Group's Health and Wellness Center.

Sergeant Hornberger added that the

Airmen Family and Readiness Flight can teach Airmen how to cope with and solve financial burdens.

Plus, for those with family issues involving children, there is also a new parent support nurse aboard Randolph AFB.

Those with substance abuse issues can also seek rehabilitation through by consulting life skills counselors.

Other symptoms of suicide

There are other symptoms expressed by those contemplating taking their own lives, the sergeant said – like when someone begins to give their possessions away suddenly, or there's a perceptible change in their mood, or they isolate themselves, or they don't take pleasure anymore in their old pursuits, or their work performance is way below par, or when they express suicidal ideas.

A wingman can help

A wingman, when he either hears a suicidal ideation expressed or behavior that would indicate someone is a suicide risk, should seek clarification by asking the person at risk – in private – what's wrong and staying with him as he listens intently.

And a leader, the sergeant emphasized, should be able to refer Airmen with legal, financial, emotional, work-related, marital and administrative punishment issues to the proper people who can help.

"A Call to Arms"

The 12th Flying Training Wing will conduct a wing run for all active-duty members Sept. 26 at 7 a.m. near Hangar 4. Upon completion of the run, participants can return to Hangar 4 for a breakfast. There will also be three Commanders' Calls that day. Times for those calls will be distributed through chains of command.

ANTITERRORISM AWARENESS - AT HOTELS and MOTELS:

- Do not give room number to strangers
- Choose an inside hotel room
- Sleep away from street-side windows
- Leave lights on when room is vacant
- Pull curtains
- Arrange knock signals
- Answer telephone "hello," do not use name or rank
- Lock before you exit
- If confronted, have a plan of action ready
- Alternate using front and rear entrances
- Keep room key in your possession at all times

12th FTW Anti-Terrorism Office 652-1904 or 652-1357

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. X to Julius Caesar
4. Ancient
7. Unit or energy or work
10. Goodbye in Rome
11. ____ and feathers
13. Angel's headgear
15. Adage
16. Tantrum
17. Meat in a can
18. Looking tool
19. Accountant, in brief
20. Fury
21. 2007 Oscar film No Country for Old ____
22. Otherwise
25. ____ Rule
28. USAF appraisal for AB-CMSgt
29. Saga
30. USAF pilot with 5+ aerial victories
33. Red or Dead
34. Command
37. Basements
39. Assassin's tool
41. Actor Farrell
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43. Oscar Winner Brynner
44. Printer's mark
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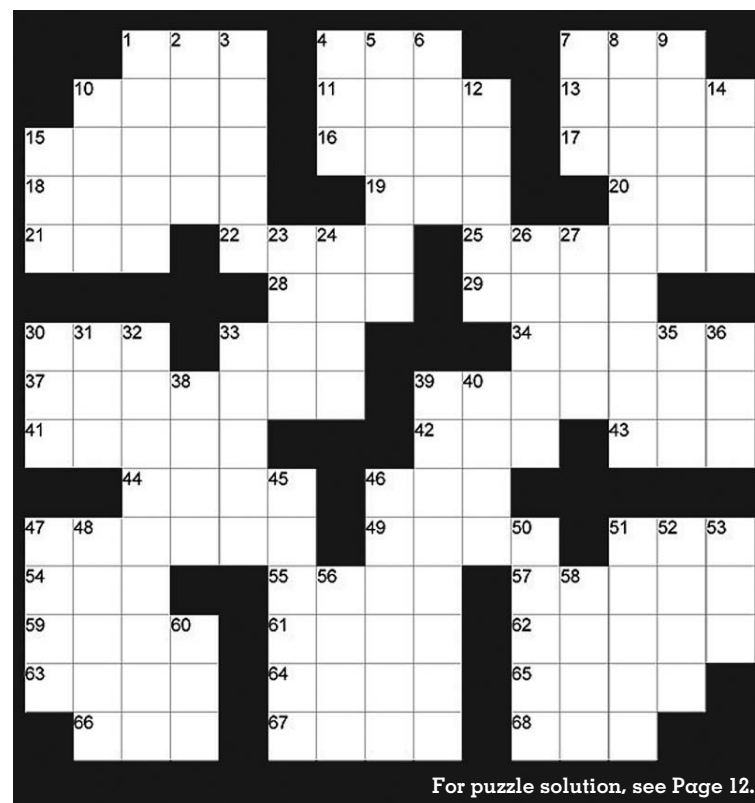
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47. Watch out
49. Middle East country
51. Perform
54. Overseas mil. address
55. Bedridden
57. Invest with some gift, quality, or faculty
59. South American country
61. Dress type
62. Col. ____ Vander Hamm; current Mount Rushmore State base commander
63. Hardens
64. Sicilian erupter
65. Exhaust
66. Murder, ____ Wrote
67. 1950s movie icon James
68. Mil. ID

DOWN

1. ICBM installed at the Mount Rushmore State base in 1962
2. Dines
3. Knotted rope
4. USAF commissioning source
5. Plane assigned to the Mount Rushmore State base
6. Trickle
7. Interrogative utterances expressing surprise or doubt

8. One time name of the Mount Rushmore State base
9. Glower
10. Current command chief of the Mount Rushmore State base
12. Phase
14. Sign
15. Hollywood studio and Las Vegas hotel
23. Lascivious or sly look
24. Health resorts
26. Musical theater
27. Island reef of northeast Italy
30. MAJCOM the Mount Rushmore State base is assigned
31. Co. boss
32. Namesake of the Mount Rushmore State base
33. More rational
35. Jack Bauer's org. on 24
36. ____ Aviv
38. 1980s rock singer Ford
39. ____ of the North; Mount Rushmore State base moniker
40. Hollywood dog
45. Joined a sporting group
46. Austrian capital
47. 1997 Halle Berry film
48. Fencing tools
50. Bird places



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51. Bedeck
52. Adorable
53. Vietnamese holiday
56. Chomp down

58. CBS show based on USN org.
 60. Exploit
- Courtesy of Capt. Tony Wickman
USAFE Public Affairs

Hispanic Heritage Month Schedule of Events

Today - Latin Social at the Enlisted Club from 3-6 p.m.

Sept. 26 - Randolph Hispanic Council Golf Tournament at Randolph Oaks at noon

Sept. 29 - Brown Bag Seminar, "1206 & EPR Session," at 11 a.m. at the Education Center, Room 35.

Sept. 30 - Dining Hall Hispanic luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Oct. 1 - Mass - Chapel 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. followed by a Hispanic food sampling, Chapel 1 annex at 12:30 p.m.

Oct. 9 - Hispanic Heritage Committee luncheon at the Enlisted Club at 11 a.m.

Tickets POC: Staff Sgt. Frensely, 565-2107 or Ms. Saunders, 652-1206

Oct. 13 - Children's Piñata party at the Child Development Center at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Richard Madrid Jr. at 652-7395.



Photo by Herb McClain

BASE BRIEFS

Retirements

Congratulations to Senior Master Sgt. Caleb Washington, Air Education and Training Command and Lt. Col. Mark Lindhurst, 562nd Flying Training Squadron, on their retirement.

ID card section closure

The customer service and ID card sections will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday to upgrade the DEERS and RAPIDS systems. The sections will reopen Thursday.

AFPC ribbon-cutting

The Air Force Personnel Center will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 26 at 3 p.m. at AFPC to complete the merging of Air and Space Expeditionary Force and Personnel Operations. The integration will combine deployment and personnel processes for Airmen.

Disabled American Veterans meeting

Alamo Chapter #5 and Auxiliary Units #5 of the Alamo Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans meets Saturday at 10 a.m. at Rolling Oaks Christian Church, 1750 Stahl Road.

For details, call Norma Gallegos at 699-6054.

Community cleanup

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will sponsor a community cleanup project Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Sunshine Plaza Apartments, 455 E. Sunshine Dr. in San Antonio. The project involves light cleaning for

senior residents. Students can earn a certificate for up to 3 hours of community service.

To volunteer, call 536-3549.

Enlisted Oktoberfest

The annual Oktoberfest for enlisted members takes place Oct. 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Eberle Park. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Prizes, sporting events, games and music by DJ Larry Sampsell will highlight the event. The cost is \$3 for junior enlisted, \$5 for NCOs and \$7 for all others.

First sergeants have tickets.

MOAA-AC Annual Oktoberfest picnic

The Military Officers Association of America-Alamo Chapter will hold its annual Oktoberfest picnic Wednesday at Eberle Park.

The cost is \$20 per person. Reservations will be accepted through noon Monday.

For more information, call 228-9955 or e-mail moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net.

Gateway to Care, 211

Active duty, Guard, Reserve and veteran military members who live in the 12-county area around San Antonio have a help line they can call for a variety of assistance.

By dialing 211, service members and their families gain access to the Texas Military Family Access Project's "Gateway to Care" that provides free and confidential help in a variety of categories.

The Gateway to Care is sponsored by the United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County.

EDUCATION CENTER - 652-5964

Civilian tuition assistance

Limited funding for the Civilian Tuition Assistance Program is available for classes that begin on or after Oct. 1.

CTAP is not retroactive, so if classes have already started, you cannot apply. Only one class per person, per term is authorized.

For an application, call 652-5964 or e-mail randolph.education@randolph.af.mil. Do not submit the old CTAP paperwork.

Call 652-5964 For more information, or e-mail kassandra.hall@randolph.af.mil.

Wayland Baptist University

Wayland Baptist University's Bachelor of Science in Occupational Education is a 124-credit hour undergraduate degree offering majors in justice administration, human services, occupational education and more.

For more information, call 945-8379.

St. Philip's College

St. Philip's College will offer evening courses in computer literacy, English, government, speech and math during the Fall Flex II term. Flex II classes are eight-week classes that run Oct. 20 through Dec. 14.

Students who need to apply for admission

should apply now to allow sufficient time for placement testing. Some classes will be offered in a "hybrid" format. Hybrid classes meet once a week for 8 weeks, with the remaining course work done online. To view classes, visit www.accd.edu/spc/admin/extsvcs/default.aspx or come by Building 208, Room 10.

Call 659-1096 for more information.

ERAU

Today is the last day to drop or add classes for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's undergraduate distance learning term that began Sept. 15.

For details, call 659-0801.

AFROTC briefing

The education center will host an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps briefing Oct. 6 at 11 a.m. at the education center, Building 208, Room 27.

The presenter will be Captain Loya from the University of Texas at Austin, ROTC Detachment 825. No appointments are necessary.



For a complete listing of briefs, visit www.randolph.af.mil.

TRAVELING REPORTER

McAllister Park mixes country with the big city

By Heila Rogers
Traveling reporter

(Editor's note: Heila Rogers is the wife of Lt. Col. David Rogers, who is participating in the Residency in Aerospace Medicine course in the San Antonio area. The couple explore cultural hotspots throughout the areas in which they live, writing about their experiences. This is part two in a series.)

Nature is the ultimate reality show.

One of the exciting things about spending time outdoors is that things are alive and ever-changing - from the winds, to the skies, to the landscapes.

On a recent visit to McAllister Park, I saw a graceful, light-brown deer prancing in the area.

There were delicate wildflowers and grasses lining the park grounds.

It's a surprising, sprawling green lung of several square miles; and since the park is right next to the San Antonio International Airport, there was also some really good plane watching.

Jets and airliners flew right overhead; giving my family an up-close encounter with aircraft without

the outrageous cost of flying.

I also heard there was a dog park there; so I headed to check that out. Once we arrived, I saw equipment made specifically for canine friends, a drinking fountain and some water dishes; with close-by facilities for their human friends.

Those who enter at Starcrest Drive will be close to the dog park.

When I was there recently, I saw some true off-road cyclists strutting their stuff on the dirt tracks, several parties with bright balloons, bouncy castles and colorful piñatas. McAllister Park is a great place to take a hike or simply kick back with the family to enjoy a picnic.

With more than 25 miles of nature trails, some of which are paved, McAllister Park is a piece of Texas country, right here in the big city.

Overall, McAllister Park is a great place to get away from the hustle-and-bustle of the inner city without going too far from home.

Pavilions are available by reservation. For more information on the park, or to discuss availability, call 207-7275.



Courtesy photo

McAllister Park is laden with trails for running and animal enthusiasts to enjoy.



Randolph Chapel Schedule

• CATHOLIC

Monday - Friday - Chapel One
11:30 a.m.

Saturday - Chapel One
5:30 p.m.

Sunday - Chapel Two
8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Confession

Saturday - Chapel One
4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

• PROTESTANT

Traditional Worship
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.

Parish Fellowship
9:15 - 9:30 a.m.

Religious Education
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

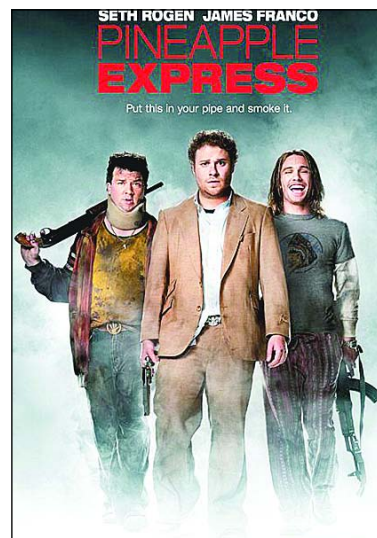
Inspirational Praise & Worship
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

MOVIES

Randolph Movie Theater - 652-3278

Adults - \$4.00

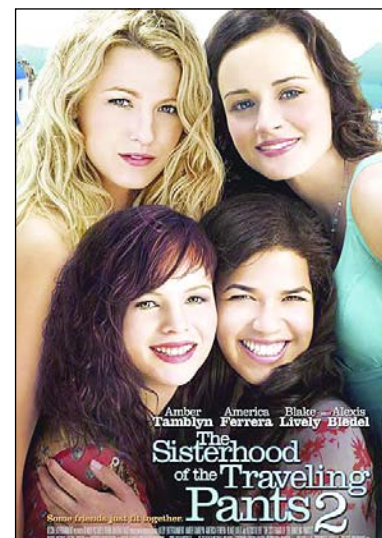
Children (11 yrs. and under) \$2.00



"Pineapple Express"

Seth Rogen
James Franco

Today, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 6 p.m.
Rated R, 112 min.



"The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2"

Alexis Bledel, America Ferrera
Sunday, 3 p.m.

Rated PG-13, 120 min.

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Learn to change your oil, rotate your tires and do a brake job. Classes are October 7 & 14 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$45 plus supplies and deadline to sign up is Sept. 30.

• Free auto advice

If you are unsure whether your mechanic is charging a fair amount, the auto skills center has "Mitchell on Demand", a software program that provides the going rate for specific jobs and the number of hours a job requires.

BOWLING CENTER- 652-6271

• Military bowling tournament

The Randolph Bowling Center is hosting the annual Military Bowling Tournament October 6-7. Anyone eligible to use the bowling center can participate except for USBC youth bowlers.

ENLISTED CLUB - 652-3056

• Randolph Karaoke Idol

Do you watch American Idol just knowing you could do better? Come to the enlisted club for Randolph Karaoke Idol every Wednesday in September, October, November and December from 6-9 p.m. Contestants are judged on performance and tone & pitch. The weekly winner will receive \$20 in club bucks and will be a finalist in the "Randolph Karaoke Star of the Year" on January 7. The Randolph Karaoke Star of the Year will win 10 hours of recording time (valued at \$250) or \$250 in cash.

RAMBLER FITNESS CENTER - 652-2955

• October fitness celebration

Celebrate fall at the fitness celebration on October 11 at Eberle Park at 8 a.m. There will be 5K run/walk for the runners and walkers and a 1.3 mile run/walk for the young athletes and their parents who would like to participate with their kids. These two events start at 8 a.m. and the 10K bike ride starts at 9 a.m.

GOLF COURSE -652-4570

• Junior golf clinic

All youth are invited to attend the free junior clinic on September 27 from 9-11 a.m.

• Tuesday golf and lunch special

Celebrate fall with some super golfing! For only \$25 you get a round of golf with cart and lunch on the Tee Time deck every Tuesday in September. Savor a tasty hamburger, chips and a beverage while enjoying the beautiful Texas fall weather. If you don't plan on golfing but want to enjoy a delicious lunch on the deck, the cost for lunch is only \$5.

LIBRARY - 652-8901

• Library card

"Everyone should have a library card and use it". The most important card you carry for all your school research needs is your library card. With it, you can not only use the computer lab or check out items, you can also study in the group study rooms with professional staff on hand to help you find the resources you need.

The Library has purchased lots of online resources just for your use. Go to www.rafblibrary.org and click on "Research" and find the numerous links available. Some of them are only available to those who have a valid library card; so don't be without one. Bring your valid DoD I.D. card to the library at the corner of 5th Street East and F Street to sign up.

OFFICERS' CLUB - 652-4864

• Monthly members' birthday buffet

The monthly members' birthday buffet is Sept. 24 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. The buffet is free for birthday members or their spouses on their respective birthdays. Show your club and ID cards to the cashier for validation. No Ala carte dining will be available this evening.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

• Rambler 120...team challenge

You'll need your "A-game" October 18 at 7 a.m. when the annual Rambler 120 Team Challenge returns to Randolph Recreation Park @ Canyon Lake. This four-part fitness event challenges you physically, mentally and emotionally. Your challenge, if you accept it, is to complete a...

- 22-mile bike ride
- Six-mile trail/road run
- Two-mile rafting trip
- Mystery event

It's not enough just to finish. You need to push yourself and your team to the limit and beyond in order to win! If you accept the challenge, you need to form your team now and start training.

The deadline to enter is September 26 and entry forms can be picked up at the Rambler Fitness Center. The entry fee is \$100 per team and awards are presented to the top three teams in each division.

Contact Steve Knechtel at 652-6508 or email: stephen.knechtel@randolph.af.mil for more information.

WOOD SKILLS CENTER - 652-2788

• Beginning woodworking class

Learn the basics of woodworking during this two-session class on October 7 & 14 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$45 plus supplies and sign up deadline is Sept. 30.

YOUTH CENTER - 652-3298

• "Let's Just Play" day

The youth center is conducting "Let's Just Play" day on September 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The purpose is to empower kids, ages 6-14, to engage in active, healthy and fun play. The youth center will provide various fun games and activities to encourage kids to get off the couch and "Get Moving!"

GET IN TO THE GAME AT THE EITHER CLUB!



Football Frenzy offers participants a chance to win a trip to a regular season game and the Super Bowl. All you need to do is attend a Football Frenzy event at the Enlisted Club on Thursday, Sunday or Monday or at the Auger Inn (O'Club) on Saturday and fill out an entry form to register to win. The Enlisted Club has the NFL Network & NFL Game Plan so all NFL games can be viewed. The Auger Inn has College GameDay so all televised college games can be watched.

Football viewing is open to all DoD I.D. cardholders but you must be a club member to participate in the contests and to win a Football Frenzy trip.

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Family & Teen Talent

Officers' Club

October 3

6:30 - 10:30 p.m.

\$2 entrance fee

All proceeds go to our Boys & Girls leadership clubs

Talent Contest

The Randolph Youth Center is holding auditions for the Family and Teen Talent Show on September 29-30 at 5:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. The dress rehearsal is on October 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the Officers' Club.

Former POWs enjoy prosperity, peace after military service

By Thomas Warner
Staff writer

If captured by the enemy and imprisoned during wartime, American servicemembers must summon the highest levels of courage.

A pair of retired lieutenant colonels from Texas knows all too well what it's like to be stripped of freedoms and have their patriotism and faith put to the test.

Lawrence Barbay was shot down during the Vietnam War, in July 1966, and spent more than six-and-a-half years as a prisoner of war. He now lives in Austin.

Ramon Horinek was shot down over North Vietnam in October 1967 and spent over five years in captivity. He now lives in Universal City.

The men were imprisoned together in the same holding area at the Hoa Lo prison, known by many veterans as the "Hanoi Hilton." Both came home to the United States in March 1973, as the historically slow Paris peace talks finally brought the end of the war, but each had to endure harsh conditions that tested their willpower.

"The first week was probably my worst of the entire time I was there," Mr. Horinek said this week. "My captors were really tough on me when I first arrived and it was a real struggle. One prisoner already there asked me when I thought we might go home. I told him it would probably be no less than five years. That's just the way it was going over there at that point.

"I had a deep faith in my God and my country – a faith that was strengthened while I was captive," Horinek said. "I kept my sense of humor and contin-

ued to believe, day after day, that my freedom would eventually come."

Horinek described attempts by North Vietnamese authorities to force U.S. captives to write or sign documents admitting their guilt. There were brutal beatings and countless mind games plotted and carried out daily, in and around Hanoi, at camps where POWs were held.

Carrying a captain's rank at the time of his capture, Horinek recounted the various means of persuasion utilized by the communists. His body was routinely bent at odd angles, he was shackled, beaten with a variety of clubs, slapped with pieces of tire rubber and his ears and head were slapped or pounded on repeatedly by North Vietnamese interrogators.

During a fini-flight taken in the mid-1970s at Randolph Air Force Base, he realized his eardrums were so badly damaged that he'd have to give up flying for good.

"I was Freedom Flyer 69 and I appreciated the opportunity to continue my career," Mr. Horinek said, detailing the final flight offered at Randolph to all former pilot prisoners of war. "During the later years, I attended Air War College, did a tour in England and ended in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., as my last duty station."

A museum in Hangar 12 at Randolph details the struggles, through various wars, of American prisoners of war. Framed photos depict all of the pilots who made fini-flights here and the missing persons branch office in the Air Force Personnel Center building here is dedicated to tracing the whereabouts of all unaccounted-for Air Force members.

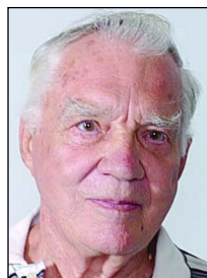
Prior to his capture, Mr. Horinek had already been to Southeast Asia working on numerous covert operations. He'd earned his wings from now-closed Williams AFB in Phoenix, then had duty stations at Laughlin AFB, Texas, and Vance AFB, Okla., plus a stint as a flying instructor here at Randolph.

His favorite plane was the F-105 Thunderchief, or "Thud" – the plane he was piloting when the shoot-down occurred. The Thuds had been the first American aircraft to reach Mach II speeds and were flown on missions extensively during the first years of the Vietnam War, being replaced later by the F-4 Phantoms.

Mr. Barbay was a rated navigator and part of a six-person crew carrying out electronic reconnaissance sorties on board EB-66 Destroyers flying missions out of Takhli Royal Thai Air Base in Thailand, toward North Vietnam targets. Then a captain, he was one of five people on a downed plane who sur-



Lawrence Barbay



Ramon Horinek



Courtesy photo

Retired Lieutenant Col. Ramon Horinek, a flight instructor here in the early 1960s, returned to Randolph to take his "fini flight" Sept. 21, 1973. All POW pilots were offered fini-flights, called Freedom Flights, as a means to transition back into active military duty.

vived several years in POW camps. A sixth crew member, Air Force 1Lt. Craig Norbert, was an electronics warfare officer on the mission who was never accounted for.

"I don't remember leaving the aircraft and I don't remember what happened to me," Mr. Barbay said of the crash, adding that a fire onboard the plane was what initially worsened their prospectus. "Looking back, long after the event, we surmised that we were likely either hit, or just missed by a surface-to-air missile. It was probably some shrapnel that hit either the oxygen line or the fuel line and we caught fire."

Burned badly over much of his body, Mr. Barbay eventually came-to in a jungle prison, but still suffers a memory loss of seven days immediately after the event. Horinek, meanwhile, vividly recalls being pounced upon by unfriendly villagers who began beating him with sticks, clubs and anything they could get their hands on before dragging him away.

Both men described the "tap" code of communication used by POWs during the Vietnam era. It involved memorizing five rows of letters, five lines deep, to include the entire English alphabet, save for the letter K.

"It wasn't known by all that many people at the time (1966) I was taken prisoner, but eventually it was begun being taught to U.S. military members before they left for Vietnam," Mr. Barbay said. "If you didn't know it, you learned it pretty fast."

Mr. Horinek and Mr. Barbay were initially isolated in jungle environs among small groups of POWs, but were quarantined in cells containing 50-60 people following the U.S. military's infamous Son Tay raid that changed the way North Vietnamese forces quartered their prisoners.

"When the (enemy) saw what could be done by people, because of lack of facilities and wherewithal

POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony

Today at 9 a.m. at the
Missing Man Monument
Washington Circle
Randolph Air Force Base

Guest Speaker:
Mr. James Russell
POW/Missing Persons Branch, chief

Washington Circle will be closed today from 8-10:30 a.m.
for the annual POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony.



Randolph hosts Hurricane Ike rescue force

By Michael Briggs

12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Leonard Cole was deployed to Korea when Hurricane Katrina devastated the Central Gulf Coast in 2005, displacing his family and in-laws, some of whom never returned to their homes.

The situation frustrated the sergeant who felt helpless so far away from home.

So when Hurricane Ike was bearing down on the Texas and Louisiana coastline Sept. 12, Sergeant Cole was glad to be among the countless and selfless members of the Randolph community who stepped up to conduct 24-hour support operations.

The 13-year career logistician assigned to the 12th Logistics Readiness Division here helped in-process the 318-member search and rescue force of the 331st Air Expeditionary Group that staged its operations from Randolph over the weekend.

"I couldn't help my family during Katrina, so now it was important to me to be able to help," the NCO in charge of Installation Deployment Readiness said. "It's my responsibility as a military member and a God-fearing man to help my fellow man."

His help as a member of the Randolph team allowed the 331st AEG to focus on the unit's primary mission of conducting HH-60 rescue helicopter and HC-130 tanker operations in the Houston and Galveston areas devastated by Ike. Over the course of the weekend, the unit logged 27 saves and helped many other people by providing them with food and water.

"We at the 331st Air Expeditionary Group are proud to be a part of the rescue efforts in the Galveston and Houston area," Col. Steve Kirkpatrick, 331st AEG commander, said Sunday. "The coordination with Texas Task Force 1 has been tremendous and the support Randolph Air Force Base has provided us has been nothing short of phenomenal."

"Because of that support, our training and the monumental efforts by everyone involved, we're able to maximize our resources in assisting civil authorities to help save lives and prevent human suffering."

The 12th Flying Training Wing support of the search and rescue mission came together in short order. On Sept. 10, wing leaders were making plans to brace Randolph for high winds and heavy rains. Hurricane Ike was expected to bring over the weekend had it stayed on its path at the time. Base officials were also preparing to host any response forces that would stage out of Randolph in the aftermath of the storm, if called upon to do so.

When the hurricane turned to the northeast



Photos by Steve White

Tech. Sgts. William Gullledge (left) and Gary Vaughn, both 943rd Maintenance Squadron from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., perform maintenance on an HH-60 helicopter on the Randolph flightline Sept. 14 in preparation for search and rescue missions from Hurricane Ike.

Sept. 11, the weather threat to Randolph was reduced to just moderate winds and the potential for some rain. While that eased the burden for severe weather preparedness, word came that people and aircraft from the 331st AEG would begin arriving the next day.

The base was also tasked to provide a staging area at Seguin Auxiliary Field for hundreds of Federal Emergency Management Agency trucks and trailers.

The wing response was swift and thorough, according to the commander.

"Each person on the team contributed their professional expertise, acted with a sense of urgency and displayed great spirit in making a herculean task manageable," said Col. Jacqueline Van Ovost, 12th Flying Training Wing commander. "We were able to quickly execute our reception plan and provide for all the needs of the search and rescue forces deployed here."

Activating a group-level flying operation in about two days was no small accomplishment.

The Randolph Emergency Operations Center was the primary link between the base and the 331st AEG. Rich Parkinson, EOC director and 12th Mission Support Group deputy director for installation support, said the process worked very well in getting the space, accommodations, transportation and everything else the search and rescue mission needed to be successful despite the short amount of time the team had to prepare.

"We kept the focus on our primary objective, which was to take care of the 331st folks so they could do their jobs," Mr. Parkinson said. "We tailored the staff to the functions we needed and ensured we kept in constant communication with the Rescue Operations Center."

That communication link was vital, not only in face-to-face situations, but also through e-mail and the Internet, which fell on the shoulders of the 12th Communications Squadron to deliver.

"We didn't know what their requirements would be until they arrived," said Kevin Bailey, chief of the 12th CS Unit Control Center. "Wherever they went, we provided 'comm' in those locations."

One of the 12th CS's challenges was standing up the Rescue Operations Center in the training classroom at the EOC, which involved dropping phone and network lines, setting up accounts for the deployed 331st AEG members and getting them connectivity back to their home stations.

"Base exercises help prepare us for this type of activity," Mr. Bailey said.

Sergeant Cole said everybody did what they had to do and then some.

"Team Randolph came together to get the job done," he said. "We had knowledgeable people in key positions making the right decisions."



An Airman loads a C-130 on the Randolph flightline Sept. 13. Airmen from across the United States prepared for search and rescue missions last week as Hurricane Ike approached the Texas coastline.

POWs from P10

on their own part, they moved most all of us to a centralized location,” said Mr. Barbay, who won’t attend the ceremony today at Randolph because he previously committed to a similar event in Austin.

Mr. Barbay served a total of 23 years in the Air Force and wound out his tenure in 1979 as Commander of an AFROTC detachment at a university. Years after that period in his life, Mr. Barbay said faith in various entities – family, religion and other intangibles – was tantamount to survival for him and many of his

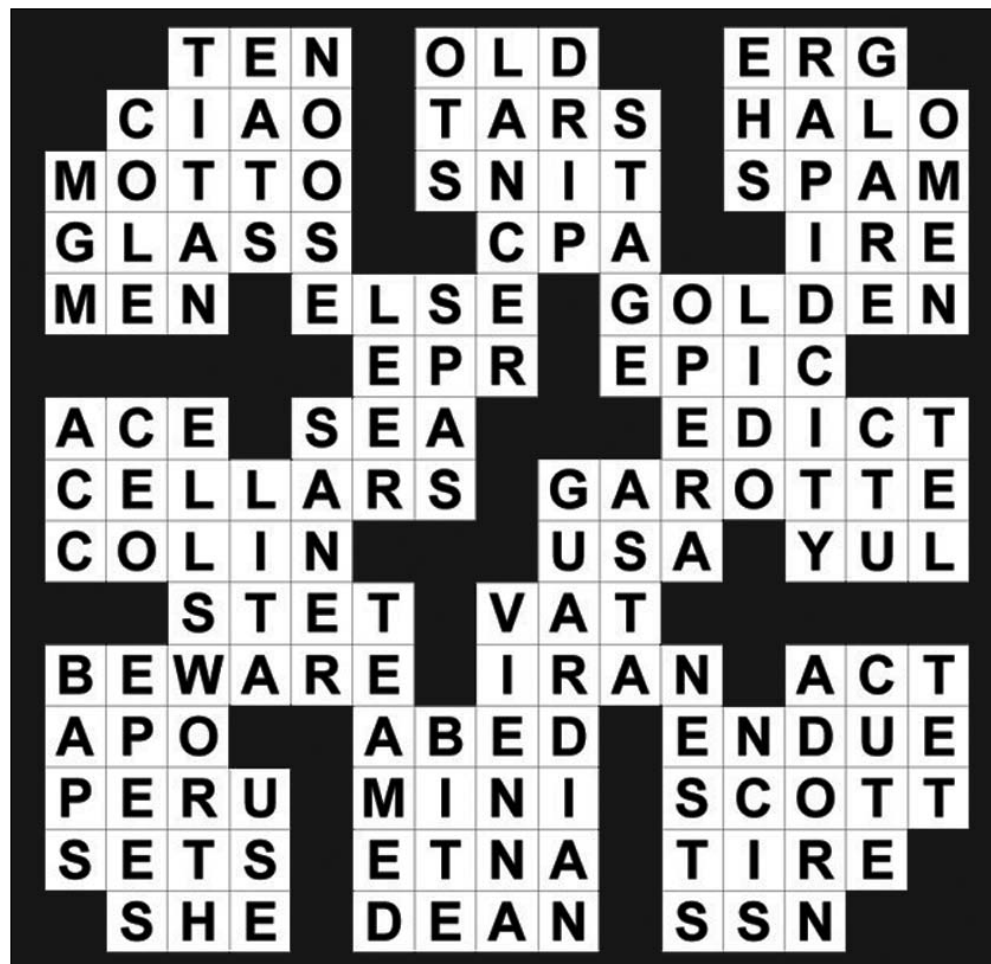
detained comrades.

Mental and physical torture, interrogation and barbaric brutality were the order of the day for these men and others like them, during their ramshackle and hardscrabble combined years of detainment. Today they enjoy peaceful existences, spending quality time at home with family and friends. They are regarded as upstanding and decent by the casual observer, and “heroes” by people who know their stories.

“I always believed we’d one day be liberated,” Mr. Barbay said. “No. 1, I had faith in God. No. 2, I had faith in my country. Country first, always ... victory.”



Lt. Gen. John Flynn (left) honors Lt. Col. Lawrence Barbay in a 1974 parade at Lackland AFB. Colonel Flynn had been the highest ranking officer among the nearly 600 POWs kept in North Vietnam. Courtesy photo



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SPORTS and FITNESS

Randolph Airman heads to Russia for wrestling championship

By David Terry

12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Some athletes were molded into greatness from a young age. Some learned their skills from masters of the art form. But Steve Horton was born to wrestle.

At just six years old, he joined the Oakville Elementary School wrestling team in St. Louis and has wrestled ever since.

Growing up in St. Louis, Horton said he and his brother, Dan, used to wrestle in the front yard of their home. In elementary school, physical education teacher Larry Hester recruited Horton into Little League wrestling. With Hester coaching him all the way through high school, Horton earned the Missouri State Champion high school wrestler title three consecutive years between 1982-84.

Following high school, Horton put his wrestling talents to work as a bouncer in St. Louis-area nightclubs and also enlisted in the Air National Guard. After learning of the Air Force wrestling program during a chance meeting with a coach, Horton transferred to active duty.

After donning his blue uniform, Horton was assigned to public affairs

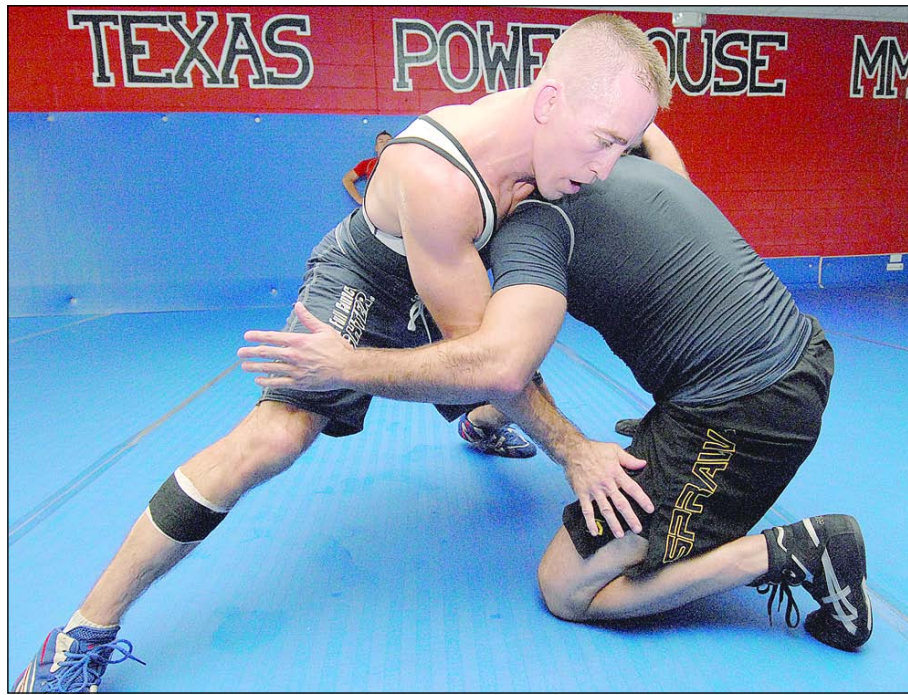


Photo by David Terry

Steve Horton (left) works out with a wrestling partner recently. Horton will be competing in the World Veteran Wrestling Championship in Perm, Russian Federation, Saturday through Sept. 29.

and has remained in that career field throughout his 19-year Air Force tenure. He is currently the 12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs superintendent.

He has also continued wrestling.

"I was sent to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs after joining," recalled Horton.

Training there for nine years, Horton twice made the Olympic trials.

"Now I wrestle two tournaments

every year; the national and world championships," said Horton.

As the current U.S. Open National Wrestling Champion, Horton hopes to bring home championship titles from the World Veteran Wrestling Championship being held in Perm, Russian Federation, from Sept. 20-29.

"I'm going to try to be the first U.S. wrestler to win both world titles in the same year," said Horton, who at 42 years old and 152 pounds said he's in the best shape ever to compete for both Greco-Roman and Freestyle wrestling titles.

Horton will be up against the world's toughest wrestlers, with competitors from such wrestling powerhouses as Russia, Iran, Norway, Germany and Lithuania. The championship has been organized by Federation Internationale des Luttes Associees, FILA, the International Governing Body of Wrestling for both the Olympics and World Championships.

Horton said he will fly to Moscow and then travel 800-miles east to the city of Perm in the Ural Mountains. He has received sponsorships from CCC Group, Inc., a San Antonio construction company, and also a local T-shirt company, to help pay expenses.

Take a spin: *Cycling class offered for lunchtime workouts*

By Thomas Warner

Staff writer

A new class offered at Rambler Fitness Center makes eight cycling sessions available to patrons of the facility.

Also referred to as "spinning," the cycling classes are designed to build cardiovascular strength plus all-around endurance and are available Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

"People get out of these classes pretty much whatever they put into them," said Rey Salinas, fitness programs manager. "These are not high-pressure classes, but if you want a good workout, you can get it."

All of the cycling classes at the RFC last 45 minutes and the newest one takes place at 11:15 a.m. on Mondays and Fridays. Other classes take place in both the mornings and afternoons at the fitness center, which features numerous exercise amenities for Randolph patrons.

"We offer the spin classes and others at several different times throughout the week, in order to give patrons a chance to fit them into their schedules," Mr. Salinas said.

A certified instructor starts the cycling classes off

with a light warm-up before moving into an intense workout that includes uphill pedaling, downhill sprints and segments traversing flat surfaces.

"They lean into the hills and pump more with the legs as the resistance changes," Mr. Salinas said. "If you don't increase the resistance, you won't get anything out of it. The person next to you might be a totally different level but everyone has to exert themselves in order to see changes in their overall fitness."

The cycling sessions are low-impact, meaning they don't create nearly as much stress on the body as do running and jogging exercises. The fitness center spinning room has over 20 brand-new stationary bicycles.

"The instructors have attended a program and become certified to teach these kinds of classes," said Marlin Richardson, Rambler Fitness Center manager. "Units can come as a group and go through spinning sessions, as long as one person in that group is certified. If a unit has no one that fits the criteria, they can book sessions under the guidance of one of our certified staff members."

Legs and the entire lower body get a good workout with the spinning, Mr. Salinas said, and there is no performance requirement by people who enroll.



Photo by Rich McFadden

Class participants go through the motions of a 45-minute spinning class, offered six times a week at Rambler Fitness Center.

"It's mostly about people wanting to find ways to be active and to better themselves," Mr. Salinas said.

For more information, call the Rambler Fitness Center at 652-2300.

12th Services beats AFOMS in softball playoff opener

By Sean Bowlin
Staff writer

A late surge of hitting by the 12th Services Division intramural softball team broke up a tie game and keyed a 10-7 win over the Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron in the intramural playoff opener Monday.

With the tournament now well underway, action will continue through Wednesday, when a champion will be crowned.

"We had some timely hitting and had no really bad errors," said Daniel Buntjer, 12th SV coach Daniel Buntjer of his team's play this year. "It was nice for an inaugural season."

Services (5-7) took the lead early against AFOMS, scoring three runs by the bottom of the first inning to solidify a 3-0 lead.

But AFOMS wouldn't let them get too comfortable. By the bottom of the second, they had tied the score 3-3.

That score held - with good fielding by both teams - until the top of the fifth inning, when Services' Tyler Betts, stepped up to the plate with two outs on the board, and slammed the ball over the Rambler Field outfield fence for the game's only home run. AFOMS shined during the fifth and sixth innings, taking a 6-4 lead and shutting down SVS batting efforts.

Then came the top of the seventh inning, when Services took to the plate, scored three runs, and created a 7-6 lead.

But AFOMS came back and tied the score at the end of the seventh inning.



Photo by Steve White

Bryan Calkin, Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron intramural player, runs toward first base as Rey Salinas, 12th Services Division first baseman, raises his glove to catch the ball.

Services was then promptly shut down as three players earned hits and were either tagged or caught out, stalling the score at 7-7.

Services found its rhythm again and scored three runs, boosting the final score to 10-7 over AFOMS, which failed to germinate an offensive effort during the bottom half of the ninth inning.

Buntjer singled out home-run hitter Betts for his outstanding offensive play, plus third baseman Scott Simons and left centerfielder Roger Ramirez for excellence in fielding and overall defensive play. He

said his team's next opponent in double-elimination playoff is the undefeated Air Force Personnel Center.

"They're pretty much the cream of the crop," Buntjer said.

In other softball tournament action Monday, teams from the 12th Medical Group, the Air Education and Training Command, and the Fire Department moved to the next round of play.

All four teams that fell in the opening-round moved to the loser's bracket.

Randolph falls to Karnes City

By Thomas Warner
Staff writer

Randolph football is engaged in perhaps the most trying portion of its 2008 schedule, with tonight's 7:30 home game against Navarro.

"We want to see improvement each week and we saw a lot last week," said RHS head coach Pete Wesp. "We are making too many mistakes."

Randolph lost 21-8 to Karnes City and will play one final non-district game tonight before the "second-season" of 27-2A play begins. The Ro-Hawks (1-2) can not, Wesp said, jeopardize success with unforced errors.

"We can't make the same mistakes over and over and expect to win," Wesp said. "We threw an interception and put the ball on the ground. About four times we were inside the 20-yard-line and couldn't score."

Kory Kuhl had 14 stops and a fumble recovery to lead RHS in the loss. Danny Adalig and Cesar Lesesma combined for 19 more stops.

Mark Hopkins caught two passes but the Randolph aerial attack sputtered once the team fell behind. Deron Terrell scored the team's only touchdown, on a 20-yard run, then Kyle McNally turned a botched kick attempt into a 2-point conversion.

Sports BRIEFS

12 FTW/CCC golf tourney

A retirement golf tournament for Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Page, 12th Flying Training Wing command chief master sergeant, takes place Oct. 1 at 12:30 p.m. at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course. The deadline to reserve a space is today and sign-up is limited to the first 25 four-person teams. The cost is \$40 per person and includes lunch.

To sign up, call 652-8298 or 652-2310.

CFC golf tourney

The Team Randolph Combined Federal Campaign golf tournament takes place Oct. 2. The cost is \$40 and includes three mulligans per

person and four feet of string per team. Lunch and gift bags will be handed out. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded for putting, longest drive and closest-to-the-pin challenges.

For details, contact Tech. Sgt. Sean How at 565-4887. To sign up, e-mail hilton.newell@randolph.af.mil or brent.jordan@randolph.af.mil.

Chief's tourney rescheduled

The Team Randolph Chief's Group golf tournament has been rescheduled for Nov. 7 at 12:30 p.m. at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course.

For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Rich Turner at 652-5928.